

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1–12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) A crockery basket comprising:  
a framework for retaining items to be washed, the framework including a common edge;  
at least one rack for engaging items to be washed to support the retention of such items relative to the framework; and  
a plurality of holding elements for holding the at least one rack at different height positions on the crockery basket, the plurality of holding elements being secured on the common edge.
14. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 13, wherein at least one group of the holding elements ~~is~~ is configured as a first device in which the ~~one group of~~ holding elements are arranged at predetermined positions relative to one another, and the first device is mountable on the crockery basket, ~~by which means~~ such that the at least one rack can be arranged at different height positions.
15. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 14, wherein the first device ~~formed by~~ ~~at least one group of the holding elements~~ is detachably connectable to the crockery basket.

16. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 14, wherein the first device ~~formed by at least one group of the holding elements~~ is configured as a fixing ladder which has a number of said holding elements arranged substantially above one another at different height positions.
17. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 14 ~~[[and]]~~ further comprising a second group of the holding elements configured as a second device in which the ~~second group of~~ holding elements of the second group are arranged at predetermined positions relative to one another and the second device is mountable on the crockery basket, ~~by which means~~such that the at least one rack can be arranged at different height positions, and the first device and the second device are configured as two fixing ladders for supporting the at least one rack at different height positions.
18. (Previously Presented) The crockery basket according to claim 14, wherein the framework of the crockery basket includes a plurality of substantially horizontal meshes arranged one above the other, on which at least one rack can be disposed at different height positions.
19. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 18, wherein the at least one rack has a fixing ~~[[means]]~~structure that can be secured in a ~~selected one of a~~ detachable manner ~~[[and]]~~or a non-detachable manner on the meshes of the framework of the crockery basket at different height positions.
20. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the fixing ~~[[means]]~~structure on the rack and the holding elements are configured as clamping connections that can be secured in a ~~selected one of a~~ detachable manner ~~[[and]]~~or a non-detachable manner on the framework of the crockery basket.

21. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 14, wherein the at least one rack has a fixing [[means]]structure that can be secured in a ~~selected one of a~~ detachable manner [[and]]or a non-detachable manner on the framework of the crockery basket at different height positions, and at least one of the first device ~~formed by at least one group of the holding elements~~ and the fixing [[means]]structure is made of plastic.
22. (Previously Presented) The crockery basket according to claim 13, wherein the at least one rack is rotatably mounted in the respective holding elements with which it is engaged such that the rack can be pivoted between a substantially horizontal position and a substantially vertical position.
23. (Previously Presented) The crockery basket according to claim 13, wherein the at least one rack has at least one mechanical stop with which the rack is supported on the crockery basket to hold the rack in a substantially horizontal position.
24. (Currently Amended) The crockery basket according to claim 14, wherein the at least one rack has a fixing [[means]]structure that can be secured in a ~~selected one of a~~ detachable manner [[and]]or a non-detachable manner on the framework of the crockery basket at different height positions, and at least one of the first device ~~formed by at least one group of the holding elements~~ and the fixing means has at least one mechanical stop for assisting the support of the rack in a substantially horizontal position.
25. (New) A crockery basket comprising:  
a framework to retain items to be washed;  
at least one rack to engage items to be washed to support the retention of such items relative to the framework; and

a plurality of holding elements to hold the at least one rack at different height positions on the crockery basket,  
wherein the framework includes at least one horizontal mesh and at least first and second vertical wires intersecting with the horizontal mesh, and wherein a first one of the plurality of holding elements engages the framework at a first intersection between the horizontal mesh and the first vertical wire, and a second one of the plurality of holding elements engages the frame work at a second intersection between the horizontal mesh and the second vertical wire.

26. (New) The crockery basket according to claim 25, wherein each of the holding elements includes first and second arm or leg portions extending on opposite sides of a respective one of the first and second vertical wires to support a pivot pin of the rack.

27. (New) A crockery basket comprising:  
a framework to retain items to be washed;  
at least one rack to engage items to be washed to support the retention of such items relative to the framework; and  
a plurality of holding elements to hold the at least one rack at different height positions on the crockery basket,  
wherein the at least one rack is pivotable between generally horizontal and vertical positions, the rack including a supporting clip to form a mechanical stop engageable with the framework when the rack is in the generally horizontal position.

28. (New) The crockery basket according to claim 27, wherein the rack is pivotable about a pivot pin, and the supporting clip is formed adjacent the pivot pin.

29. (New) The crockery basket according to claim 28, wherein the pivot pin and supporting clip are generally parallel to one another.
30. (New) The crockery basket according to claim 28, wherein the pivot pin is generally parallel to a horizontal mesh to which the holding elements are secured.